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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☒ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. FURTHER ACTION

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Box No. I. Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the **language**, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
☐ This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language , which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
 - a. type of material
☐ a sequence listing
☐ table(s) related to the sequence listing
 - b. format of material
☐ in written format
☐ in computer readable form
 - c. time of filing/furnishing
☐ contained in the international application as filed.
☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.
3. ☐ In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.
4. Additional comments:

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Box No. II. Priority

1. ☒ The following document has not yet been furnished:

- ☒ copy of the earlier application whose priority has been claimed (Rules 43*bis*.1 and 66.7(a)).
☐ translation of the earlier application whose priority has been claimed (Rules 43*bis*.1 and 66.7(b)).

Consequently it has not been possible to consider the validity of the priority claim. This opinion has nevertheless been established on the assumption that the relevant date is the claimed priority date.

2. ☐ This opinion has been established as if no priority had been claimed due to the fact that the priority claim has been found invalid (Rules 43*bis*.1 and 64.1). Thus for the purposes of this opinion, the international filing date indicated above is considered to be the relevant date.

3. Additional observations, if necessary:

Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43*bis*.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

Statement

Novelty	Yes:	Claims	1-5
	No:	Claims	
Inventive Step	Yes:	Claims	1-5
	No:	Claims	
Industrial Applicability	Yes:	Claims	1-5
	No:	Claims	

2. Citations and explanations

see Supplementary sheet

1. The reference symbol "(L)" (line 9) in claim 1 is ignored since "L" in figure 4 does not represent a longitudinal axis of an insulation-displacement contact.
2. The **closest prior art** is US-A-6050845 (D1) or US-A-6135821 (D2), which describe a conductor connection module as claimed in the precharacterizing clause of claim 1.

The object and advantages of the invention are evident from the description, page 1, line 27 to page 2, line 16.

A person skilled in the art would not combine the insulation-displacement contact shown in figure 3 of EP-A-0743705 (D3) with D1 or D2, because the concepts of a module with a housing (as in D1 and D2) and of a separate contact (as in D3) differ too much.

The subject matter of claim 1 is thus **not obvious** from the existing prior art (Article 33(3) PCT).

3. Claims 2 to 5 are dependent on claim 1 and thus also comply with the requirements of Article 33(3) PCT.

The subject matter of claims 1-5 is industrially applicable (Art. 33(4) PCT).

4. Claims 1-5 thus comply with the requirements of Articles 33(1) to (4) PCT.